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The Black Hawk Chapter is the officially chartered representative of the Studebaker Drivers Club for the Northern Illinois area. The Studebaker Drivers Club is dedicated to the preservation of the Studebaker name and Studebaker related vehicles produced by the company during its period in the transportation field. A sincere interest in this cause is the only requirement for membership. Vehicle ownership is not a requirement. The Black Hawk Chapter fully supports the parent Studebaker Drivers Club, and requires membership therein. The SDC provides the membership with yearly national meetings, a monthly publication [Turning Wheels], technical assistance, historical data, assistance in parts and vehicle locating, and a membership roster on a national level. The Black Hawk Chapter provides the same services on a local level, in addition to monthly activities including 10 issues of the Starliner, dinner meetings, picnics, driving events, and fellowship and technical sessions.

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The 2007 Upper Mississippi Valley Zone Meet in Rockford which was hosted by the Rock River Chapter was a great success. If you missed it, you missed an entertaining weekend of Studebakering! Jack Willis and the entire Rock River Chapter should be congratulated for a job well done.

I was only able to attend one day, Saturday, and it was a perfect day. The weather was clear, sunny, and cool. The show field was filled with lots of Studebaker's as well as a Pierce-Arrow. After the morning judging we took a driving tour north to near the Wisconsin state line to the Hammer Brothers property and viewed their car collection. Although there were no Stude's there, the collection of cars and quality of the restorations were truly breathtaking. This is a private collection on private property, if you missed the tour; you missed your opportunity to see the collection. The Awards Banquet was sumptuous. Richard Dormois was the Keynote Speaker and he gave a rousing speech, one not soon forgotten by anyone who attended. I had never previously had the pleasure of hearing Richard speak; he spoke for about 45 minutes, without notes, and made you feel you were part of the story. He is a great story teller, one you should not miss in the future.

The Trophies that were given out were a work of art. The trophies have an oak wood base, a dash plaque, a Studebaker gas pump, a photo of your car, and the trophy sponsor's name shown. A LOT of work went into getting these ready in between the judging and the Awards Banquet, quite a nice job.

I had my Cruiser judged and got a better score than I did last June at the South Bend International Meet. One good reason for the improvement was the new carpeting that was just installed the week before the Zone Meet. I had pre-arranged to pick up at the Zone Meet an NOS blue-cloth interior for the Cruiser. After I get the interior redone and the seats reupholstered this winter, I think I should be able to get a second place trophy next year. As everyone is aware, given that my car was a daily-driven from 1964 until 2000, in Chicago, getting a third or a second-place trophy is quite an accomplishment.

Chuck Galauner gave me a ride in his '63 Avanti when we took the tour to the Hammer car collection. It was actually the first time I had ever ridden in an Avanti; it was a blast, so Chuck, thanks for taking me along, it was a great ride. Dave Reid and I caravanned back to Chicago together late Saturday night. Even though the Cruiser has never let me down, it is comforting to know someone is nearby should the worst happen. Between the cool air and the carburetor and distributor rebuild courtesy of Scott Stastny, I got just at 20 mpg for the days' round trip. Not bad at all.

As I said last month, fall and winter is fast approaching.....get those Studebaker's out of the garage and on the road!

Our October Meeting will be at Mr. Beef and Pizza. See you there.

Rolf

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

The address of our regular spot is: 1796 S. Elmhurst Road, Mt. Prospect, 847-228-1210.

Rolf Snobeck (630)-514-1867 and Bill Mitchell (847)-635-6785 are our Activities Director and Assistant. Please call them to offer up your place for a meeting or with any suggestions for future meetings. Call them below for any activity listed below which doesn't have someone else listed as the contact.

Black Hawk Chapter Events:

October 3rd: Regular meeting at Mr. Beef and Pizza, 7:00 p.m.
Call Rolf Snobeck at 630-514-1867 if you have any questions.

November 6th: Regular meeting at Mr. Beef and Pizza, 7:00 p.m.
Call Rolf Snobeck at 630-514-1867 if you have any questions.

December Christmas Party: Details to be announced soon, the party will be at Mack's Golden Pheasant in Elmhurst.

Non-Chapter Events that may be of interest:

see flyers herein for the Indiana Hill Climb and the 2nd annual All-Student Swap up north

Now, don't get me Wrong... WE did a GREAT Zone Meet last year... Rockford's boys just came Close!...to beating us! The Friday Lensing Museum event [with Good Dinner!] and Saturday, after-judging private museum bus tour were Both FEE-nominal! Frank Lillig caravanned out with me from Scott's [who found and cured a nasty short in the headlight circuit], and Rolf did the return trip to I-355 after Very Good Banquet Saturday night, as I had WORK Sunday Morning! Richard Dormois was the Banquet Speaker, and went about 45 minutes, without notes, and damn near mentioned everybody in the Zone!... including some "inside" jokes!

Thanks to Don Juday, Rolf Snobeck and a local Rockford Photographer: Tony Parakka, who "started" the "next car in the hubcap" thingie you saw on the Cover! [Rolf got into that, as well]... for all their Zone Meet pics given to you herein!

The Hillclimb ad is from the Indy Chapter's latest edition, [Man, I've wanted to go to that for about 20 Years, but the Chicago Marathon again interrupts!], the 2nd annual Stude-Only SWAP in Hudson, WI [MN Border] came from those fellers up North!, ...and Pete Yuen from British Columbia did a great piece on Hood Latches...

Former member Ken Libert just sold his '58 Golden Hawk [seen at Manly's a couple of years ago, and in South Holland at last years' Labor Day event] to James E Clutter of Plainfield, IN.

Ken spends a phenomenal amount of time on the Internet, and provided me with the info that HIS car was an inch shorter than it's '57 counterparts, due to 14" wheels [wouldn't that be 1/2" shorter?]. #175 of 878, Base Price \$3,282, PLUS PS \$69; PB: \$38; PW: \$102; White Walls: \$28; Push Button AM Radio: \$80; Wheel Covers: \$17; Clock: \$16; Twin Traction: \$44; Single Deck Lid Antenna AND Rear Seat Speaker: \$13, for a Grand Total of \$3,689! 275HP at 4800 RPM; Torque 333lbs @3200 RPM. [3-spd automatic] Total Golden Hawk Production: 1956 (4,071); 1957 (4,356); 1958 (878) = 9,308

One of 720 equipped with Flight-o-matic.; One of 622 with Twin Traction; One of 611 with power steering; One of 483 with power brakes; One of 73 with power windows; Ken bought the car 8/14/04 with 100,114 miles; "He showed it every chance he had, and enjoyed the heck out of it, but decided to sell it or the Olds convertible, "whichever went first", and I guess the Stude was more desirable???

ALSO from Ken Libert: He Highly Recommends: Mark Bulfin for most any interior/drop-top work: Mark's Custom Auto Interiors, 14409 W Edison Dr, New Lenox, IL 815-485-CARS (2277) cell: 815-325-0618

ALSO from Ken: STORAGE in Homer Glen at 159th and Bell Rd: Owner Lives on Premises: Safe, Secure/Very Private Property [30 years in business] Corvettes \$50/mo; standard size cars \$55/mo [sorry, no visiting/mechanical work] Rod: 708-692-1777 or 708-923-7020 or Dave 708-301-1958

ALSO Temp Control + Security System: Lemont or Yorkville: 630-330-9926 or 630-257-0112 call for pricing/etc.

Member Tom Burke REALLY has the Bug: got another Stude over the summer: '64 Commander, AZ car, with Facory Air, 259 V8 and white top - - says Greg Lentini did a LOT of "deferred maintenance", so if you see a '64 w/ Plate "STDBKR", that's young Tom!

Former Member Tom Leske of the Western/Lincoln neighborhood has relocated to about 30 minutes west of the Dells, and is still selling "retirement/recreation property" up there: & has a New Email Address, just in case you're interested in such a place: <http://paulleske.firstweber.com/>

"...Hardly a Driver... is now alive...who passed...on hills...at 75.....Burma Shave!"

You ALL have a Great Month... USE those cars a BIT more... I'm, Sadly, taking the Wagon to a Packard Club Funeral in the morning.

Parting note: I asked Al Meeker, at the Zone Meet, of the White Stretch Stude Pickup, if he's used it for Weddings and stuff??

He said: "Only Family and Friends...two weddings and a funeral: a good friend had cancer, and I picked him up with it on a Sunday, and took him around to see his grandkids, and gave them rides, and on the way home, he asked 'could you give me my final ride?'...so next day, Al went to the funeral director, took some measurements of the bed, etc., and they set it UP, and, within the WEEK, the Great White Truck performed Solemn Service to a Great Old Friend!

We need to remember our Great Old Friends, as they're Getting Older, and Give them an UP whenever we can, as AL Surely did, with his Old Friend, by taking him for his Last *(and Next to Last)* Stude Ride!

Well, my friends, I don't know how much longer I can continue to do this job, as my EYES, thanks to many years of Diabetes, SEEM to be failing me, but I'll keep on as long as I can!

KEEP the GREASY SIDE DOWN!

/d/

WANT AD's You know the drill, we just print them, it's up to you to exercise "due diligence" - you know, that stuff they're all talking about on TV ccc

IF You were at the Air Show at Morris OR the Zone Meet in Rockford, you SAW the GREAT '57 Transtar Deluxe that Mike Janowiak, son of Bill, son/grandson of Original Stude "Father/Son" ad Stude-Workers! Problem IS, the WIFE needs to complete MEDICAL SCHOOL, so PLEASE BUY THE TRUCK, so she can complete her STUDIES!

Mike.janowiak.nzb2@statefarm.com

Doug Hodak sent in a WANTED ad: "I am **in search of a '50-'51 Business Coupe** This will be a Project Car, not already restored. Consequently, I do not want to take a survivor and cut to pieces, or take a beautifully restored car and trash it. I am looking for something "in the middle of the road" - - something that is almost there, but needing TLC... when I'm done with this project, it'll be TW cover material - I've got it all planned out!" If anyone can help Doug find his Dream Car, contact him at dhodak@sbcglobal.net

Jerry Miers [West Chicago] has sold his White '62 GT Hawk, but has a Custom Autosound CD AM/FM New in the BOX that he never got around to installing... It says Studebaker on the faceplate and fits the dash without modification. He paid about \$450 for it, would like at least Half what he paid for it. He also has a good 289 Distributor. Studenut8@comcast.net or 630-231-0174.

From Noble Glaudell: **1963 GT hawk**, 289 -2 barrel , 3 -speed with over drive . 39000 miles heated garage , very solid car, excellent original interior. In the same family for 40 years. Glen Ellyn area. 630-790-9606 Lori & Don Gaspar.

Paul Thomann (1963 Lark Wagonaire) sent this in: I can offer large format photography of your automobile (4x5, 5x7 or 8x10) as long as it is a Studebaker, Packard or Pierce Arrow for only \$150 plus expenses for the film and the processing. This would involve shooting either in Black and White (for that period look) or transparency (like a slide except much larger). Prints can be made off of the transparency by going to a Ilfochrome print (it used to be called Cibachrome). The advantage of doing it this way is that the prints look much better and the process is archival (more than 10 years without any fading). Yours, Paul Thomann pthomann@csc.com Cell 773 517-0981

Mike Kearney has two cars for sale: **'63 Lark 2dr**, 6cyl, 3spd, 74k miles, rebuilt engine, new clutchg, starter, alternator, master cylinder, many other new parts. Cream with blue interior. Older repaint, good interior Solid car, good rubber, some rust on fenders \$3,200... AND **'63 Lark Wagonaire**, 8 cyl, OD, 59,500 miles, solid drivetrain, recent dual exhaust, good tires, project car \$1,700 Both cars in Elgin Mike Kearney 847-695-9561

Roscoe Stelford has discovered a new/better Rust Remover: "**Ultra One Rust Remover**", and is selling it: Non-Acid Product, NO fumes, no gloves required, reusable product, cleans up with water, biodegradable, easy to use. Does not affect rubber, gaskets, seals, decals or stickers, plastics, most paints... Dissolves RUST only! www.weremoverust.com code RCS15... Call 847-464-5119 for a brochure, or write to him at 15N119 Reinking Rd, Hampshire, IL 60140, or email at stelfordsinc@aol.com .

Ed Costell [WLEC] is selling a **1939 Commander 4dr**, 6cyl, 3spd OD, less than 6500 miles on rebuilt engine, incl rblt carb, dist, fuel pump, starter, gen, wiper motor, shocks, drive shaft, fuel gage and sending unit. New rad. Core, cooling fan, battery, wiring harness and chrome plating. Also avail: dozens of NOS and used parts incl and engine and a reconditioned radio. It needs int. work and upholstery plus TLC. Asking price **reduced to \$6,295**. Sylvania, OH(419) 882-1147:Home; (419) 304-7752:Cell

Stan Smith wants to sell his **'61 Lark VI**, 3-spd, 4-door, Desert Sand, NO rust, 100,000 miles on odo, but about half of that while it was being towed back and forth to Miami from DesPlaines for many years.. Purchased from original owner, who bought it new in Miami. \$2,500* 630-898-5374 stansmith@sctsconsulting.com

(*)ANY REASONABLE OFFER WILL BE APPRECIATED!! ["Motivated Seller!"]

PLEASE LET YOUR EDITOR KNOW IF YOUR AD IS NO LONGER NEEDED

Ken Holste has a **'64 Daytona 4-dr sedan** that he's had for years. 100k miles, dk green, fair green vinyl interior, sitting long time,trans seals may be leaking, V8/Auto, radio, heater \$4,000 or offer [looks good in photo] 708-385-2190.

Frank Lillig wrote: It's time to pass on the Avanti, so here goes: **Studebaker Avanti: '63 R1**, CA car, solid frame, hog troughs, rear cross member, Good Interior. All there. Needs Mech work and Paint. **Reduced to \$6,900** (Now at Scott's 630-293-7750)

Scott Stastny says to reduce the prices on the following items which are still available:'57-61 **Coupe doors** with NO guts, but very solid doors, left and right, \$100 each. Call 630-293-7750

1964 DAYTONA HARDTOP. One of the last hardtops made by Studebaker. This like-new California car is an unrestored 3-owner 50K original. 259, Auto, PS, PB, Bordeaux Red by Scott Stastny/Deluxe Auto Works, 200 Watt Kenwood Audio System with 10 disc CD in trunk (no holes cut to install), Electronic ignition, Original wheels and covers. 10K Firm. Ask for video. Photo at [studebakerclubs.com/memberprofiles/Don Shannon](http://studebakerclubs.com/memberprofiles/Don_Shannon) 800-439-3827 or 708-670-3946. dshannon@televentvideo.com

Ed Meyer, of the MO Gateway chapter sent the following ad: **'62 Lark Cruiser, V8-Auto...** runs, shifts, drives pretty well, pretty solid, didn't feel any rust in the "usual places" but there's a cracked dent repair in the left rear door. Rubber seals around the doors are pretty degraded, and the carpets are stained. Other than that, you can get in and drive her anywhere. Asking \$5k OBO Owner Bob's phone # is 618-538-5172. [Editor's comment: I sent this out to the e-members, and got a response from one guy who knows the car, who says it's worth more like \$3 or 4k.] [believe it's near Belleville] [I have some pics I can get to anyone interested../d/]

From Gene Rinck, who saw this car a week ago: Gary Kersichand of Trenton, IL is selling his family's long-time car: a **'57 2-door Delux Champion, 20k miles**, two-tone gray and white, original documentation, price negotiable, and he might take a trade. 618-806-5016.



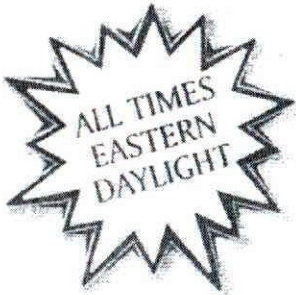


Studebakers Always Make a Big showing At This Event, Plan To Attend If Possible!

Schedule Of Events:

Sunday, September 30

Queen Pageant 7 p.m. - Newport/Vermillion County Library



Friday, October 5

- Street Fair and Flea Market - 6 p.m.
- 8th Annual Dog Show - Registration 6 p.m.
- 24th Annual Gospel Music Jamboree - 7 p.m.

Saturday, October 6

- Hill Climb Registration 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Show Car Registration 8 a.m. to Noon
- Hill Climb Practice Runs - 8 a.m. to Noon & 1 to 4:30 p.m.
- Big Wheel Race (Boys & Girls Ages 3-8) 12 p.m.
- Collector Car Auction - 12 p.m.
- Pretty Baby Contest - Registration 9 a.m. to Noon - Judging at 2 p.m.
- 350-Plus Flea Market Booths • Plenty Of Good Food
- Fantastic Parade - 5 p.m. • Cruise-In & Street Dance - 7 p.m.
- Spectacular Fireworks at Dusk

Sunday, October 7

- Registration
- Competition Cars 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. • Show Cars 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.
- \$20 Entry Fee • \$15 Pre-Entry Prior To Sept. 15
- Practice Runs From 8 to 10 a.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES 10:45 A.M.

40th Annual Newport Antique Auto Hill Climb 11 a.m.



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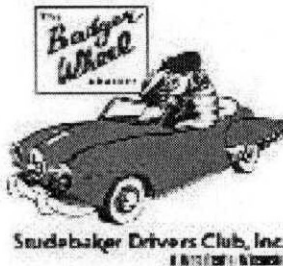
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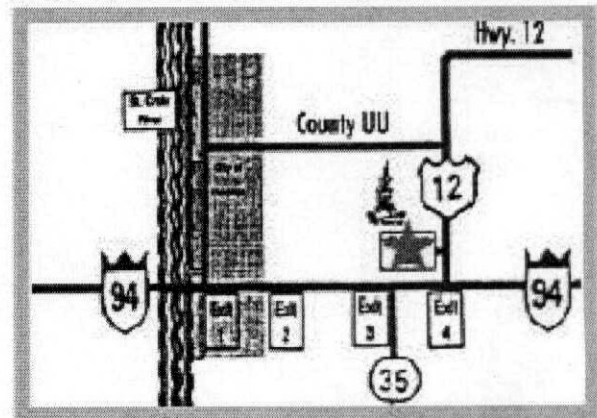
Set-up starts at 7 a.m.



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Looking for Studebaker parts? Have a few or large quantity of Studebaker parts to sell or trade? This is the swap meet for you! Studebaker owners and vendors from across the Midwest are invited to attend! Last year was a big success...help us make this year even better!

- **FREE Swap Spaces!**
- **No Sales Tax ID Required!**
Individuals can sell, empty out the garage!
- **FREE Admission!**
- **Fun Live Auction!**
(Donated items, 1 p.m.)
- **On site restaurant and lodging!**
*Call 715-381-5548 to make motel reservations.
Other motels listed at www.hudsonwi.org*



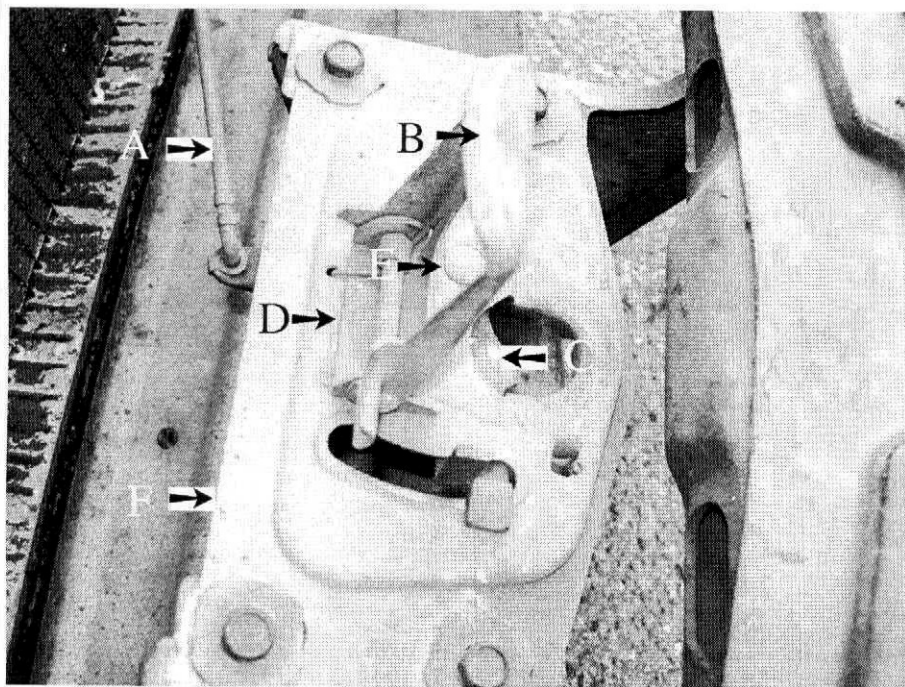
DIRECTIONS: Get to Interstate 94. Go West or East on I-94 to Hudson, WI Exit 4 (Hwy. 12). North on Hwy. 12 to the first stoplight (1/8th mile) and take a left then an immediate right.

NO RESERVATIONS NEEDED. ARRIVE EARLY TO ASSURE A SWAP SPOT. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, CONTACT:
Ernie Loga, 715-832-7302, logaent@cs.com * Jim Rock, 651-436-2215, cjrock5144@aol.com
www.northstarwheel.com/studeswap.html

Secondary hood latch on Hawk models

The secondary hood latches on the Hawk models are installed as a safety feature. It is to restrain the hood from flying off the car when driven in the event that the primary catch fails to hold the hood securely. After hearing of Hawk owners that have lost their hood while driving, it was learned that in each case, the secondary latch did not do the job that it was intended to do, **to hold the hood down**. When driving and the hood suddenly comes up and over the car, it is not a fun thing to experience. The immediate danger is that it has blocked the view of the driver but it could get worse as the hood becomes detached from the car it becomes a hazard to other motorists on the road. When the hood is airborne, nobody has any idea of where it will come down. Once the hood is on the way down, it is a potential killer to other motorists in the vicinity.

When the secondary latch is installed on the car, it is spot welded. . . **Insufficiently spot welded and therefore not strong enough do the job of securing the latch on to the plate that it is welded to. If you are a proud owner of a Hawk and have not yet lost your hood, have the secondary latch securely welded before disaster strikes.**



A - Lever and linkage to release primary and secondary hood latches.

B - Secondary latch

C - Primary latch

D - Base of secondary latch that should be securely welded to plate "F"

E - Rivet that the primary and secondary latch release pivots from.

There is a possibility that a bolt may be used to secure the base of the secondary latch to plate **F**. If this is to be attempted, one must make sure that it will not restrict the movement of the latch release mechanism as it pivots from rivet marked "E."

Suggested bolt size to be 5/16" if it does not restrict movement of the latch operation.

Caution: If there is restriction to adequate movement to linkage and primary latch and then, plate "F" is mounted back in place the hood is closed, there is a chance that you will not be able to open the hood. Going with the welding is highly recommended.